ONTARIO FINANCES

2003-04 THIRD QUARTER

QUARTERLY UPDATE - DECEMBER 31, 2003



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Fiscal Summary (\$ Millions)

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Revenue	68,609	69,532	69,532	10000			
Expense							
Programs	56,922	62,554	62,554				
Capital	1,876	2,574	2,574	_			
Interest on Debt	9,694	10,025	10,025	_			
Total Expense	68,492	75,153	75,153	_			
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	117	(5,621)	(5,621)	_			

^{*} As presented in the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review.

Note: Consistent with the treatment in the 2002-03 Public Accounts, the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEFC) is consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

HIGHLIGHTS

2003-04 IN-YEAR PERFORMANCE

DEFICIT OUTLOOK AT \$5.6 BILLION

♦ The 2003-04 current outlook is unchanged from the fiscal outlook presented in the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. As of December 31, 2003, a deficit of \$5,621 million is projected for 2003-04.

REVENUE AT \$69.5 BILLION

♦ The revenue outlook, at \$69,532 million, is unchanged from the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review.

EXPENSE AT \$75.2 BILLION

♦ Total expense, at \$75,153 million, is unchanged from the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Increased ministry expense mainly due to a negotiated wage settlement with the Ontario Provincial Police Association, and additional funding for post-secondary education capital projects are fully offset from the operating and capital contingency funds.



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FISCAL PERFORMANCE

REVENUE

♦ The revenue outlook, at \$69,532 million, is unchanged from the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review.

OPERATING EXPENSE

- ♦ Operating expense, at \$72,579 million, is unchanged from the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Changes this quarter include:
 - ♦ Ministry of Children's Services: An additional \$10 million mainly to purchase additional equipment and supplies for child care and early learning programs, fully offset from the Contingency Fund.
 - ♦ Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services: An additional \$48 million, fully offset from the Contingency Fund, including \$45 million for a negotiated wage settlement between the Province and the Ontario Provincial Police Association; \$2 million for the Major Case Management computer system; and \$1 million for First Nations policing.

CAPITAL EXPENSE

- ♦ Capital expense, at \$2,574 million, is unchanged from the 2003 Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Changes this quarter include:
 - ♦ Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities: An additional \$19 million to fund projects at colleges and universities to create new spaces for students, fully offset from the Capital Contingency Fund.

Statement of	Financial	Transactions
(\$ Millions)		

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	Actual 2002-03	Q3 2003-04
Revenue	64,804	66,044	66,249	68,609	69,532
Expense					
Programs	48,222	51,146	53,647	56,922	62,554
Capital	4,887	2,123	1,890	1,876	2,574
Interest on Debt	11,027	10,873	10,337	9,694	10,025
Total Expense	64,136	64,142	65,874	68,492	75,153
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	668	1,902	375	117	(5,621)
Net Debt	134,398	132,496	132,121	132,647	138,970
Accumulated Deficit	134,398	132,496	132,121	118,705	124,326

Note: Consistent with the treatment in the 2002-03 Public Accounts, the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEFC) is consolidated on a line-by-line basis starting in 1999-00. Expense and revenue totals for prior years have been restated to reflect the new accounting treatment. Net debt represents the difference between liabilities and financial assets. Accumulated deficit represents net debt adjusted for tangible capital assets.

Selected	Economic	and Fisca	I Statistics
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Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at Market Prices (\$ Millions)	409,020	440,708	452,923	478,112	501,061
Ontario Population (000s) - July 1	11,506	11,685	11,898	12,097	12,238
Ontario Revenue as a per cent of GDP	15.8	15.0	14.6	14.3	13.9
Ontario Revenue Growth (%)	16.2	1.9	0.3	3.6	1.3
Ontario Total Expense as a per cent of GDP	15.7	14.6	14.5	14.3	15.0
Ontario Total Expense Growth (%)	11.0	0.0	2.7	4.0	9.7
Ontario Total Program Expense as a per cent of GDP	11.8	11.6	11.8	11.9	12.5
Ontario Total Program Expense Growth (%)	3.6	6.1	4.9	6.1	9.9
Ontario Interest on Debt as a per cent of Revenue	17.0	16.5	15.6	14.1	14.4
Ontario Interest on Debt as a per cent of Total Expense	17.2	17.0	15.7	14.2	13.3
Ontario Interest on Debt as a per cent of GDP	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.0
Ontario Surplus / (Deficit) as a per cent of GDP	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	(1.1)
Net Debt per capita (\$)	11,681	11,339	11,104	10,965	11,356
Net Debt as a per cent of GDP	32.9	30.1	29.2	27.7	27.7

Sources: Ontario Ministry of Finance and Statistics Canada.

ONTARIO REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) DOWN IN THIRD QUARTER (JULY-SEPTEMBER)

♦ Ontario real GDP fell by 0.6 per cent (2.5 per cent annualized) in the third quarter of 2003, the second decline in as many quarters.

ONTARIO CREATES 160,500 JOBS IN 2003

- ♦ In 2003, Ontario employment grew by 160,500 net new jobs, up 2.6 per cent from 2002 and accounting for 48 per cent of all job creation in Canada.
- ♦ Ontario's unemployment rate was 7.0 per cent in 2003, down slightly from 7.1 per cent in 2002.
- ♦ In the fourth quarter (October-December) 36,400 jobs were added from the third quarter, while the unemployment rate fell to 6.8 per cent.

CONSUMER SPENDING LOWER

♦ Ontario retail sales fell 0.7 per cent in October, the third consecutive monthly decline. Over the first ten months of 2003, retail sales were 3.4 per cent ahead of the same period in 2002.

INFLATION HIGHER IN 2003

♦ Ontario consumer prices rose 2.7 per cent in 2003, up from 2.0 per cent in 2002.

HOUSING MARKET ROBUST IN 2003

- ♦ In 2003, Ontario housing starts hit their highest level in 14 years, up 1.9 per cent from 2002.
- ♦ The value of Ontario building permits issued in November fell 8.3 per cent from the level in October, but permits issued were up 3.0 per cent for the first eleven months of 2003.

TRADE SECTOR WEAKER

- ♦ Ontario merchandise exports fell 3.3 per cent in November (Ontario Finance estimate), after declining 2.3 per cent in October. Ontario merchandise imports rose 2.1 per cent in November after falling 0.5 per cent in October.
- Ontario manufacturing shipments fell 1.6 per cent in November to \$22.3 billion, following October's decline of 0.9 per cent. Over the first 11 months of 2003, Ontario shipments were 2.1 per cent below the same period in 2002.

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS (% Change from previous period, unless indicated otherwise)

	Annual	Annual			Quarterl	у	
	2002	2003	02:4	03:1	03:2	03:3	03:4
Output (Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)							
Real GDP Ontario	3.6	N/A	0.4	0.6	(0.2)	(0.6)	N/A
Nominal GDP Ontario	5.6	N/A	1.5	1.6	(0.3)	0.7	N/A

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		2002	2003	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Other Indicators (Seasonally Adjuste	ed)							
Labour Markets								
Labour Force (Change in 000s)	Ontario	167.1	162.6	(12.7)	49.8	(14.5)	(20.9)	30.4
Employment (Change in 000s)	Ontario	105.3	160.5	(5.9)	38.5	5.3	(6.6)	35.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	Ontario	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.0	6.8	6.7
Household Sector								
Retail Sales	Ontario	5.6	N/A	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.7)	N/A	N/A
Housing Starts (000s)	Ontario	83.6	85.2	85.9	85.7	99.5	78.4	81.8
New Home Sales*	Toronto	29.3	N/A	(7.5)	(7.5)	0.7	16.7	N/A
MLS Home Resales*	Ontario	9.3	N/A	10.1	10.5	8.5	4.6	N/A
Manufacturing Shipments	Ontario	3.4	N/A	(8.9)	9.1	(0.9)	(1.6)	N/A
Transportation Equipment	Ontario	6.5	N/A	(18.0)	13.9	(0.5)	(2.7)	N/A
Consumer Price Index*	Ontario	2.0	2.7	1.7	2.2	1.7	1.7	3.0

Sources: Statistics Canada, Ontario Ministry of Finance, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association, Canadian Real Estate Association and Ward's Automotive.

^{* %} change from a year earlier N/A = Data not available

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ONTARIO FINANCES FINANCIAL TABLES

REVENUE

(\$ Millions)			2003-04				
	Actual 2002-03	Fall Outlook*	Current Outlook	In-Year Change			
TAXATION REVENUE							
Personal Income Tax	18,195	18,600	18,600	-			
Retail Sales Tax	14,183	14,550	14,550	_			
Corporations Tax	7,459	7,215	7,215	***			
Employer Health Tax	3,589	3,705	3,705	-			
Gasoline Tax	2,306	2,310	2,310	-			
Fuel Tax	682	695	695	-			
Tobacco Tax	1,183	1,310	1,310	-			
Land Transfer Tax	814	835	835	-			
Electricity Payments-In-Lieu of Taxes	711	532	532	-			
Other Taxes	429	195	195	-			
	49,551	49,947	49,947	-			
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA	DISA						
Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST)	7,346	7,093	7,093				
CHST Supplements	191	577	577				
Health Reform Fund	_	387	387				
Diagnostic/Medical Equipment	_	193	193				
Social Housing	525	643	643				
Infrastructure	62	285	285				
Other Government of Canada	770	1,086	1,086				
	8,894	10,264	10,264				
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Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation	2,288	2,065	2,065				
Liquor Control Board of Ontario	939	1,048	1,048				
Ontario Power Generation Inc. and Hydro One Inc.	717	318	318				
Other Government Enterprises	(2)	3	3				
	3,942	3,434	3,434				
OTHER NON-TAX REVENUE			100				
Reimbursements	1,111	1,208	1,208				
Electricity Debt Retirement Charge	889	979	979				
Vehicle and Driver Registration Fees	982	933	933				
Power Sales	635	611	611				
Sales and Rentals	560	571	571				
Other Fees and Licences	606	531	531				
Liquor Licence Revenue	530	477	477				
Royalties	304	225	225				
Miscellaneous Other Non-Tax Revenue	605	352	352	-			
	6,222	5,887	5,887				
TOTAL REVENUE	68,609	69,532	69,532				

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OPERATING EXPENSE

(\$ Millions)		2003-04			
MINISTRY	Actual 2002-03	Fall Outlook*	Current Outlook	In-Year Change	
Agriculture and Food	613	661	661		
Attorney General	1,057	1,060	1,060	_	
Board of Internal Economy	146	169	169		
Children's Services	2,026	2,169	2,179	10	
Citizenship and Immigration	53	63	63	_	
Community and Social Services	5,795	5,985	5,985	_	
Community Safety and Correctional Services	1,898	1,754	1,802	48	
Consumer and Business Services	177	177	177	-	
Culture	330	278	278	_	
Economic Development and Trade	247	315	315		
Education	8,998	9,787	9,787		
Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP)	238	340	340	_	
Energy	144	130	130	_	
Environment	232	274	274		
Executive Offices	20	20	20	_	
Finance - Own Account	1.092	1.222	1,222	_	
Interest on Debt	9,694	10,025	10,025		
Community Reinvestment Fund	622	649	649		
Electricity Consumer Price Protection Fund	665	292	292	_	
Power Purchases	786	918	918		
Health and Long-Term Care	25,758	27,885	27,885		
SARS-related Health Costs	25,750	622	622		
Intergovernmental Affairs	6	6	6		
Labour	123	120	120	-	
Management Board Secretariat	172	336	336		
Retirement Benefits	102	335	335		
Contingency Fund	102	625	567	(58)	
Municipal Affairs	636	688	688	(50)	
Native Affairs Secretariat	16	15	15	_	
	454	530	530	_	
Natural Resources	73	74	74		
Northern Development and Mines					
Office of Francophone Affairs	3	4	4	-	
Public Infrastructure Renewal	33	31	31	_	
Tourism and Recreation	135	228	228		
Training, Colleges and Universities	3,471	3,996	3,996	_	
Transportation	801	796	796	_	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	66,616	72,579	72,579	_	

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CAPITAL EXPENSE

(\$ Millions)			2003-04			
MINISTRY	mutari. PA-SYRIC	Actual 2002-03	Fall Outlook*	Current Outlook	In-Year Change	
Agriculture and Food	(2)9	68	1	1	_	
Attorney General		43	31	31	_	
Community and Social Services		23	13	13	_	
Community Safety and Correctional Service	es	66	55	55		
Consumer and Business Services		1	1	1	_	
Culture		42	65	65		
Economic Development and Trade		21	46	46	_	
Education		10	16	16	_	
Energy		46	47	47		
Environment		13	15	15	_	
Finance		8	11	11	_	
Health and Long-Term Care		339	504	504	_	
Management Board Secretariat		3	_		_	
Municipal Affairs		20	188	188	_	
Native Affairs Secretariat		2	3	3	_	
Natural Resources		72	91	91	_	
Northern Development and Mines		391	356	356	_	
Public Infrastructure Renewal		4	169	169	<u></u>	
Capital Contingency Fund		37-1	114	95	(19)	
Tourism and Recreation		55	55	55		
Training, Colleges and Universities		71	100	119	19	
Transportation	in a	578	693	693	_	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE**		1,876	2,574	2,574	-	

^{*} As presented in the 2003 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review.

Note: Preliminary allocations by ministry incorporating most recent information, pending finalization of the realignment of government ministries currently under way.

Schedule of Net Investment in Capital Assets (\$ Millions)

	2003-04 Current Outlook						
- 10	Land and Buildings	Transportation Infrastructure	Government Organizations' Capital Assets	Total			
Acquisition/Construction of Major Tangible Capital Assets	133	1,042	346	1,521			
Amortization of Provincially Owned Major Tangible Capital Assets	(110)	(546)	(163)	(819)			
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS*	23	496	183	702			

^{*} Starting in 2002-03, major tangible capital assets owned by Provincial ministries (land, buildings and transportation infrastructure) are accounted for on a full accrual accounting basis. Other tangible capital assets owned by Provincial ministries will continue to be accounted for as expense in the year of acquisition or construction.

^{**} Capital expenses includes transfers for capital purposes, the amortization of major tangible capital assets owned by Provincial ministries, repairs, maintenance and other, including the capital contingency fund. Consistent with the recommendation of the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB), the cost of acquisition or construction of major tangible capital assets owned by the Province is amortized to expense over their useful lives.

ONTARIO'S 2003-04 FINANCING PROGRAM

Consolidated Province and Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (\$ Millions)

			2003-04				
	Actual 2002-03	Fall Outlook*	Current Outlook	In-Year Change			
Deficit / (Surplus)	(117)	5,621	5,621	-			
Adjustments for:							
Non-Cash Items Included in Deficit / (Surplus)	(4,003)	855	855	_			
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	(715)	(819)	(819)	_			
Acquisitions of Tangible Capital Assets	1,323	1,521	1,521	_			
Maturities of Debt							
Province	12,196	9,800	9,800	_			
Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation	3,952	3,495	3,495				
Total	16,148	13,295	13,295	_			
Early Redemptions of Debt	1,122	1,100	1,100	_			
Canada Pension Plan Borrowing	_	(158)	(158)	_			
Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,838	(2,000)	(2,000)	_			
Decrease / (Increase) in Short-Term Borrowing	(1,727)	(300)	(300)	_			
Other Uses / (Sources) of Cash**	2,438	3,590	3,590	_			
Long-Term Public Borrowing Requirement	17,307	22,705	22,705	_			

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Borrowing Program Status (\$ Millions)

	Completed	Remaining	Total
Province	14,235	3,957	18,192
Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation	4,024	489	4,513
TOTAL	18,259	4,446	22,705

Note: Consistent with the treatment in the 2002-03 Public Accounts, the borrowing program of OEFC was consolidated with that of the Province.

♦ Long-term public borrowing undertaken in the year to date as of December 31, 2003 was \$18,259 million as follows:

	(\$ Millions)
Ontario Savings Bonds	3,770
Domestic Issues	8,239
Euro Medium Term Notes	2,039
Global Issues	3,954
Other	257
	18,259

^{**} Includes net repayment from, or loans to, agencies and the transfer of all deposits with the Province of Ontario Savings Office (POSO) to Desjardins Credit Union on April 1, 2003.

